

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the method comprising acts of:

(A) executing a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a resource which satisfies the at least one criterion;

(B) after executing the search query, providing an input mechanism by means of which a user may select from the at least one search result, for preservation, at least one resource identified in the at least one search result;

(C) selecting a system location in which the selected at least one resource is to be preserved; and

[[(C)]] (D) executing, in response to the user's selection, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in [[a]] the system location.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system location comprises a folder.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the folder is implemented via an indication stored in at least one persistent data store.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (A) further comprises each of the at least one search results representing a resource by providing an identifier which facilitates access to the resource.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) is performed in at least one of a manual and semi-automated manner.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) further comprises copying the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) is performed in response to a command provided by a user.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) further comprises moving the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) is performed in response to receiving a command provided by a user.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the act ~~[(C)]~~ (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is a human operator.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.
17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with instructions which, when executed by a computer, perform a method for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the method comprising acts of:

- (A) executing a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a resource which satisfies the at least one criterion;
- (B) after executing the search query, providing an input mechanism by means of which a user may select from the at least one search result, for preservation, at least one resource identified in the at least one search result;
- (C) selecting a system location in which the selected at least one resource is to be preserved; and
- [[(C)]] (D) executing, in response to the user's selection, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in [[a]] the system location.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the system location comprises a folder.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the folder is implemented via an indication stored in at least one persistent data store.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (A) further comprises each of the at least one search results representing a resource by providing an identifier which facilitates access to the resource.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource.

23 (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) is performed in at least one of a manual and semi-automated manner.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises copying the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) is performed in response to a command provided by a user.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises moving the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) is performed in response to receiving a command provided by a user.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.

31. (Original). The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the user is a human operator.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.

33. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the system comprising:

a search controller to execute a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a resource which satisfies the at least one criterion;

an input controller to provide an input mechanism by means of which a user may select, from the at least one search result produced by the search controller, for preservation, at least one resource identified in the at least one search result;

a controller to select a system location in which the selected at least one resource is to be preserved; and

a command controller to execute, in response to the user's selection provided to the input controller, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in ~~[[a]]~~ the system location.

34. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the system location comprises a folder.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.

36. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein the folder is implemented via an indication stored in at least one persistent data store.

37. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the search controller provides each of the at least one search results by providing an identifier which facilitates access to a resource.

38. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further exports the preserved resource.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the command controller further exports the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.

40. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further copies the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

41. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the command controller creates a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.

42. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further moves the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

43. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein the command controller creates a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected one resources and the second system location.

44. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the user is a human operator.

45. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.

46. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein at least one resource in the data collection comprises a document.

47. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises physically duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

48. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises preserving the selected at least one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the act (A) is performed.

49. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein at least one resource in the data collection comprises a document.

50. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises physically duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

51. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act ~~[[C]]~~ (D) further comprises preserving the selected one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the act (A) is performed.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the at least one resource in the data collection comprises a document.

53. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller is further operable to physically duplicate the selected at least one resource in the system location.

54. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller is further operable to preserve the selected at least one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the search controller produces the at least one search result.